THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Registrar of Newspaper for India does not maintain any statistical data in respect of such international editions.

(c) Newspaperrs are not required to file separate declaration for international editions under the Press & Registration of Books Act, 1867.

(d) No sanction of foregin exchange is required for starting an international edition as such.

(e) Does not arise.

New Agricultural Price Policy

1460. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated a new agricultural price policy; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The long term agricultural price policy is under prepartion.

Incentives for postings in Tribal Areas

1461. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to introduce special incentives to encourage officials to seek postings in tribal areas : and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) As a measure to upgrade administration in tribal areas the Seventh Finance Commission had rcommended payment of compensatory allowance to the transferable State Government employees posted in tribal areas. For the purpose, that Commission made an award of Rs 30.71 crores for a period of five years (1979-84) in respect of 13 States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

The Eighth Finance Commission recommended an amount of Rs. 30 crores for the continuation of the incentive. Excluding the share of revenue surplus states of Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu an amount of Rs 19.27 crores for a period of four years (1985-89) will be given to 13 States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Orissa, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Purchase of Cotton in Andhra Pradesh

1462. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of cotton is lying with the cotton growers in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to purchase cotton from the growers; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?